

Remarks

Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Claims 16, 17 and 19-21 are subject to examination and claims 1-15, 18, and 22 have been withdrawn from examination.

In the Restriction Requirement dated July 28, 2005, the Examiner set forth an election/restriction requirement requiring selection of either **Species A**, consisting of claims 1-4, 7-14, 16, 17 and 19-22 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an XPAX board assembly; **Species B**, consisting of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-21 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an X2 board assembly; or **Species C**, consisting of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21, drawn to an adapter module between a XENPAK module and an XFP board assembly. Applicants chose **Species C** in their response dated August 23, 2005. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of this election in item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Restriction Requirement.

In the Restriction Requirement dated November 16, 2005, the Examiner sets forth a further election/restriction requirement requiring Applicants' selection of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1, 3 and 7-10, drawn to a XENPAX sized optical communications adaptor module, preliminarily classified in class 385, subclass 88;
- II. Claims 11, 13 and 14, drawn to a method of communicating data, preliminarily classified in class 398, subclass 138; or
- III. Claims 16, 17 and 19-21 drawn to an optical communications system, preliminarily classified in class 398, subclass 138.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's further restriction of **Species C** of the invention in "Election/Restrictions," item 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Restriction Requirement and respectfully elect **Group III**, consisting of claims 16, 17 and 19-21, without traverse. However, the applicants respectfully maintain their right to rejoinder should allowable claims be found in the instant application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1509 or Al AuYeung, with whom the Examiner conducted the initial teleconference regarding the election, at (503) 796-2437. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages and/or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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